

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education - Partnership for a Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to partner with the University of Florida to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Children and Families requesting approximately \$170,000.00 through their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education; and authorize the County Manager to execute documentation as may be required to support the application.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Children and Families receives funding from the US Department of Agriculture for their State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education Plan. These funds are made available to educational institutions for outreach programs which increase the likelihood that those citizens eligible for SNAP (f.k.a. Food Stamps Program) will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose physically active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

The University of Florida is submitting a request to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) for funding to support Family Nutrition Programs throughout the region. Seminole County's Extension Services Division is interested in partnering with the University to initiate the Program locally, working with local schools to educate children whose families receive SNAP benefits. Please see the attached abstract for additional program details.

The grant would request approximately \$170,000. If awarded, the University would manage the grant and utilize the funds to hire necessary staff to implement the program. Extension Services would oversee the program with existing staff, providing in-kind services towards the one-to-one match requirement (equal to \$170,000). The schools would also contribute towards the match through time the teachers devote to the program. No cash match is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve to partner with the University of Florida to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Children and Families requesting approximately \$170,000.00 through their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education; and authorize the County Manager to execute documentation as may be required to support the application.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Project Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: Florida Department of Children and Families

DATE DUE: October 1, 2009

PROJECT TITLE: Family Nutrition Program (Partnership with the University of Florida)

DEPARTMENT: Community Services/Extension Services

PROJECT MANAGER: Barbara Hughes, Extension Services Division Manager

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The University of Florida would hire Family Nutrition Program Assistants (PAs) to teach classes at qualifying schools. [A qualifying school is where at least half of the students participate in the free and reduced lunch program.] The PAs then leave a packet of materials with the teachers who reinforce the lessons the PA taught. As the teachers use these materials, they track their time on a match form. Once per month, the PA's will gather the match forms from each of the schools. The University would then total the number of hours the teachers spend and multiply it by an hourly value. The total is submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families to pay for the PAs, supplies, materials, etc. The University experiences great success with the program currently in use in other areas.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$170,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$170,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: In-Kind Services

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$340,000

GRANT FUNDING IS:

☒ COMPETITIVE

☐ ENTITLEMENT

☐ CONTRACT